

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 12 through 14, 16, and 17 are pending, with Claims 1 and 10 being independent. Previously, Claims 1, 5, 6, and 9 through 17 were allowed. Claims 5, 11, 15, and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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